

A godlie and zealous prayer, to bee vsed of euery Chri-

stian and duetifull Subiecte, for the preservation of our most soueraigne Lady *Elizabeth*,
by the grace of God, of England, Fraunce, and Irelande Queene: and in all causes

as well ecclesiasticall as temporall, next vnder God of the Church of Englande and
Irelande supreme Gouvernesse.



O Most gracious God and louing father, wee most wretched and miserable sinners prostrate our selues before the throne of thy diuine Maiestie: earnestly beseeching thee from the bottom of our hearts, (not for any of our deserts) but for thy sonne Iesus Christ his sake, to hearken vnto our prayers and supplications, which with groining soules and mourning mindes, wee powre forth before thee, which art the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob. for we appeale vnto thee O heauenly father, and vnto none but onlie vnto thee, for comfort in these dangerous dates of iniquity: wherein sinne aboundeth, and the godles which haue not thy feare before their eyes, labour without ceasing, to deface thy eternall truth, to root vppe violently the precious plants of thy vineyard, to hinder the building of Syon, and to treade downe like blood thyselfe Ty rants and rauenous wolves, thy chosen seruaunt Elizabeth, our most gracious Queene and Gouvernes: vnder whome, through thy prouidence, we haue to our great ioy, and her highnes exceeding comfort, bene most peaceable and quietly gouerned.

Continue we beseeche thee, (O most gracious father and eternall God) this thine inestimable loue, and vnder serued fauour vnto vs although we haue iustly by the meanes of our greivous contempt of thy graces, our innumerable wickednesses and immeasurable ingratitude deserued the contrary: yet for thy sonne Christ his sake, moste gracious God and louing father, lay not the multitude of our sinnes to our charge, but be mercifull vnto vs, that with bitter teares sue vnto thee for thy mercie, loue, and fatherly fauoure.

Upholde we beseeche thee amongst vs, as graciously thou hast done hethereto, the sincere preaching of thy Gospell, (O most mighty Iehoua) and giue vs grace without waucring, to hold fast the staffe of thy blessed promises, and to beleue without fauoring the sacred testimonies contained in thy holy Lawe. Keepe vs good Lords vnder the winges of thy defence from the sedicious and damnable doctrine of Antichrist, that man of sinne, which exalteth himselfe above God, robbing him of his glorie and honour, in making our Saviour Christ Iesus, insufficient by his painefull death and bloody passion, to purchase vs the price of our redemption, and thereby to ransome vs from the infernall lake of hell and damnation.

Plucke the scales of ignorance we most hartely beseeche thee (O most louing God and heauenly father) from the eyes of all Christian Princes, and at thy good pleasure giue vnto them the good feeling of thy grace, that by the diuine working of the same, they may perfectly vnderstand, and faithfully beleue thy holy Gospell. Make them of persecuting Sauls, to become conuerthed Pauls, that they with vs, and we with them, may glory and triumphe in the fall of Babilon, and studie in all they: and our actions, as it becommeth redeemed Christians to aduaunce and set forth the glory of thy holy name.

And chiefly and especially, (O gracious God and louing father) we commend vnto thee in these our prayers and supplications at this present, according to our bounden duties, the estate of thy chosen seruaunt, our soueraigne Lady, Queene Elizabeth. Be thou vnto her as thou hast from the beginning to her last ending. O most heauenly father, a Bulwarke of defence against all her and our enemies. Weaken and make feeble for thy sonne Christ his sake we beseeche thee the perillous practices, and dangerous deuises of all puerile and sedicious Papists, which indurour to withstand and resist thy truth, to persecute thee afresh in thy members, and to ouerthrow thine annointed. Strengthen thy hand O heauenly father, and euert defend thy handmaid from those deuouring Bulles of Babilon, which haue bent their hornes against her, hardning their hartes in their vngodlines, to worke the confusion of so vertuous and godly a Princeesse. Keepe thou (O good Lord) her highnes from the murmuring of Dathan, Coran, and Abiram, which enuie the godly estate of her gouernment, and let they: reward her shame and confusion, which imagine to worke her highnes any harme.

Defende thou (O heauenly father) by the powre of thy prouidence, our happie Heaster, from the conspiracy of all hatefull Hamons, that thirst after the blood of the righteous, intending by treachery to worke the spoyle of thine inheritance. prelet their deuillish deuises be brought to naught, and let them perish in their vngodlines, that haue by their hands against thine annointed. Keepe her farre off good Lord we beseeche thee, from all such ambitious minded Absolons, as haue determined to alter the estate of her most gracious gouernment, and let their hire be shame and confusion that haue conspired against her and thy people. Giue her highnes power and strength from above, with victorious Iudith, to draw the sword, and to cutte off the heades of all such drunken Holoferneses, as are become drunken with the deuillish drugges of Antichrist, superstitious popery and treasonne: yea, let them be taken in they: owne snare, and fall into the pytte which they haue digged for the destruction of the innocent. thus we thy poore people shall reioyce in thy wonderful workes and make our continuall boasts of thy prayles.

Establishe wee beseeche thee (O good Lord) the throne of her highnes, make her an olde and aged mother in the house of Israel, to aduaunce the truth of thy testament to reedify Ierusalem, and to plucke vp by the rootes all such wicked weedes and pestilent plants, as are not grafted by Iesus Christ, in the precious vineyard of his eternall truth. Endue her with wisdom from above, garnish her with the health of body and minde: and plant about her as thou hast done from the beginning, even to her last ending, wise and godly Counsaylers, that by they: foresight and her gracious gouernment, sinne may be suppressed, vertue aduaunced, truth maintained, Idolatry defaced, and the hoine of thine honour for euer bee continually exalted. Increase the number of godly Subiects, and giue vs grace we beseeche thee O eternall God, truly to serue and worshippe thee, to hate sinne, to flye farre from the fellowship of the vngodly, and to abound in all obedience, loue and due ty to wardes thee and her maiessty. And then thou like a louing father and most gracious God, wilt mercifullly stretch forth vnto vs the assured Scepter of thy euerlasting fauour: double the dayes of our soueraigne, to our exceeding ioy and comfort. Multiply our peace, confounde and ouerthrowe all her and our enemies, as well fo:raigne as domesticall, powre vpon vs plenty of this life, the euerlasting dewes of thy mercy and grace, and in the world to come, make vs partakers of those celestiall ioyes which Christ Iesus hath prepared for the number of his elect in his heauenly kingdome: the which God for his sonne Christ his sake graunt vs. Amen.

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Vinat, Valeat, vincatque Regina Elizabetha.

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